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1. UNI WIRELESS SERVICE REPORTED AUGUST 21 FROM NEW DELHI THAT
EX-RULER OF GWALIOR MADHAV RAO SCINDIA RESIGNED FROM JANA SANGH
AND HAS OFFERED SUPPORT TO MRS GANDHI'S NEW ECONOMIC PROGRAM
WHICH HE REPORTEDLY CONVEYED IN A LETTER TO THE PRIME MINISTER.
SCINDIA, ACCORDING TO OUR INFORMATION, WENT INTO HIDING SOON
AFTER THE EMERGENCY. HIS MOTHER, MRS VIJAYA RAJE SCINDIA,
VICE PRESIDENT OF JANA SANGH, IS BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN
ARRESTED IN NEW DELHI ON JUNE 29 AFTER OFFERING SATYAGRAHA.

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AS REPORTED EARLIER, THE SCINDIA FAMILY AND THE BUSINESSES

OWNED BY IT ATTRACTED THE ATTENTION OF INCOME TAX
AUTHORITIES AND WAS SUBJECTED TO SEARCHES INCLUDING SEIZURE OF
IMPORTANT BUSINESS DOCUMENTS. IN OUR VIEW, SCINDIA BUCKLED UNDER
STRONG GOVERNMENT PRESSURES WHICH, IF CONTINUED, COULD
HAVE BEEN RUINOUS FINANCIALLY FOR HIM. IN RECENT PAST, WE
UNDERSTOOD THAT SCINDIA WAS WITHDRAWING FROM ACTIVE JANA
SANGH POLITICS IN FAVOR OF HIS EXPANDING BUSINESS. HOWEVER,
HIS DETERMINED MOTHER INFLUENCED HIM TO CONTINUE IN THE
PARTY AT LEAST FORMALLY, THOUGH CLEAVAGE BETWEEN THE MOTHER
AND SON ON USING FAMILY WEALTH FOR PARTY USE WAS GROWING.

2. MADHAV RAO SCINDIA IS THE SECOND MEMBER OF
PARLIAMENT FROM MADHYA PRADESH TO HAVE RESIGNED FROM JANA
SANGH. HIS EXIT IS LIKELY TO AFFECT THE PUBLIC IMAGE OF THE
PARTY IN THE CONSERVATIVE, TRADITION-BOUND NORTHERN MADHYA
PRADESH. IN ANY CASE, JANA SANGH IS FAST LOSING ITS MASS
STRENGTH IN THE STATE THROUGH DEPLETION OF ITS RANK AND FILE
IN THE LAST SIX WEEKS. SCINDIA'S DISASSOCIATION WITH THE
PARTY IS LIKELY TO HURT IT MORE THAN EVER BEFORE. SETHI
REPORTEDLY IS THE MOST REPRESSIVE OF THE CHIEF MINISTERS AS
FAR AS JANA SANGH IS CONCERNED, FOLLOWED PERHAPS BY BANSI
LAL OF HARYANA. THE RSS-BASED CADRE OF JANA SANGH IS WORST
AFFECTED IN MADHYA PRADESH. WE LEARN THAT ONE OF ITS
IMPORTANT FUNCTIONARIES DR SHEJWALKAR OF GWALIOR WHO WAS
ESCAPING MISA ARREST TILL NOW WAS RECENTLY ROUNDED UP. LITTLE
IS KNOWN ABOUT OTHERS SUCH AS KHUSHABHAU THAKRE,
PYARE LAL KHANDELWAL AND DR PATANKAR.
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